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SUBJECT: WARSAW VISIT OF STEVE SMIGIEL OF AMERICAN POLONIANS

1. DEPT INFORMED STEVE SMIGIEL, VICE CHAIRMAN NEW JERSEY STATE CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN POLONIANS, IS VISITING POLAND DEC. 18-JAN. 9. DURING VISIT, DESIRES MEETING WITH CONSULAR OFFICER DEC. 19 OR 20 IN ORDER DISCUSS MUTUAL PROBLEMS SOME NIV CASES.
2. DEPT RECOMMENDS EMB ARRANGE TO MEET WITH SMIGIEL. WE HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM HIS ORGANIZATION AND THEIR CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS RE VARIOUS REFUSALS WARSAW AND POZNAN. THIS WOULD BE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR EMB. DISCUSS WITH SMIGIEL ITS PROBLEMS WITH NIV APPLICANTS AND ASSURE HIM OF EMBASSY'S EFFORTS BE SYMPATHETIC AND OBJECTIVE
3. OUR SEVERAL TALKS WITH SMIGIEL LEAD US BELIEVE HIS ORGANIZATION DROPPING SHOTGUN CRITICISM OF NIV REFUSALS IN ORDER FOCUS ON FEW CASES IT BELIEVES DESERVING . WE HOPE THIS MEETING WOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS TO CHANNEL HIS ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES INTO CONSTRUCTIVE CHANNELS.
4. EMBASSY REQUESTED ALSO ARRANGE MEETING WITH CONSULAR OFFICER POZNAN.
5. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM DEPT RESULTS THESE MEETINGS. RUSH

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